COPS AND FRIENDS MOTORCYCLE RALLY SALUTES SLAIN SACRAMENTO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY JEFF MITCHELL

Oceanside, CA The roar of a thousand motorcycle engines will resound through North County on Saturday, May 3rd, 08 as off-duty cops, their friends and supporters ride honoring murdered Sacramento County Sheriff's Deputy Jeff Mitchell.

At a little after three in the morning on Friday, October 27th, 2006, Deputy Mitchell made a traffic stop on a vehicle on a road outside of lone, California. When dispatchers tried but could not reach him on the radio, another deputy was sent to check on him. To his horror, the responding deputy found Mitchell lying on the ground, to the rear of his patrol car, with a single gunshot wound to the head, following what appeared to be a violent struggle. To date, his killer remains at large. Deputy Mitchell is survived by his wife Crystal and seven year young son Jake.

Broadcast and print media will cover the event which attracts political dignitaries and celebrities, law enforcement officers and friends from agencies throughout the country.

"Last years event honoring slain Oceanside officer, Dan Bessant, who was shot and killed December 20, 06,, attracted more than 1000 riders," said Escondido Officer Damien Jackson, organizer of the ride. "There will be a barbecue lunch, door prizes and a raffle of donated items to raise funds for Deputy Mitchell's young son," said Officer Jackson.

"You don't need a motorcycle. Please come join the thin blue line after 11 AM for lunch supporting this worthwhile cause," said Jackson, Lead Training Officer at the Palomar Police Academy, co-sponsor of the event. / 30

EVENT: 5th OFFICER DOWN MEMORIAL MOTORCYCLE RALLY

WHERE: Palomar College Public Safety Training Center

182 Santar Place, San Marcos, California USA 92069

WHEN: 8:00 AM through mid afternoon, Saturday, May 3rd, 08

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